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## **MHS Database Roles**

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# **1 Introduction**

DEERS functions both as a repository and as a database of record, depending on the type of information transferred to or queried from DEERS. This document delineates these roles DEERS plays in data management. It also specifies the data for which DEERS serves as database of record, meaning “acts as ultimate authority” or “owns,” as well as the data for which DEERS merely serves as a repository, because DEERS receives this data secondarily from another information source.

## **2 Repository**

### **2.1 Overview**

In a repository role, external sources obtain, store, and forward their data to DEERS. DEERS will act as a central warehouse in order to store business standards and data. The main features include the following:

- Data is established by external entities.
- Data is sent to DEERS and is centrally stored.

Therefore, DEERS performs minimal editing, for example, validating data type. DEERS also establishes and maintains external ownership for enrollment updates.

### **2.2 Data for Which DEERS is a Repository**

DEERS serves as a central repository for various types of information. In these cases, some source other than DEERS serves as the database of record for this information.

#### **2.2.1 Enrollment Fee Payment Amount Details**

The enrolling organizations serve as database of record for fee payment details. DEERS serves as a repository for this information, but serves as the database of record for the accumulation of fee payments for a policy, regardless of the fee detail source(s).

#### **2.2.2 Catastrophic Cap and Deductible Amount Details**

The claims processing or enrolling organization entities serve as database of record for this information. DEERS receives the information when claims are paid or adjusted, or enrollment fees are applied to catastrophic cap and deductible.

#### **2.2.3 Enrollment Fee Waiver Information**

The enrolling organizations serve as database of record for this information. Enrollment fee waiver information should be sent to DEERS to support enrollment portability and to explain

why cumulative fee payments may be less than expected for a policy. DEERS does not track enrollment fee waivers over time.

#### **2.2.4 PCM Details**

Primary Care Manager (PCM) information such as the PCM name, telephone number and address is established and maintained by the enrolling organization for civilian and CHCS for direct care PCMs. DEERS receives the information and serves as a central repository.

#### **2.2.5 Other Health Insurance Data**

Other Health Insurance comes from multiple sources, but is centralized in DEERS.

### ***3 Database of Record***

#### **3.1 Overview**

As a database of record, DEERS assumes ownership of the data. The client or trading partner supplies data to DEERS and receives an acknowledgement from DEERS. The external entity may then also store the data. The main features include:

- Centralized editing by DEERS is required for acceptance of data by systems external to DEERS.
- Current data in the DEERS database should be accessed before updates are possible.
- DEERS is considered to have the most current and complete data.
- DEERS will be responsible for enforcing centralized business rules on the data.
- DEERS will reject invalid data.
- Information stored externally to DEERS is considered a subset of the DEERS central database of record and may not contain the most current information (i.e., eligibility)

#### **3.2 Data For Which DEERS is the Database of Record**

DEERS will serve as the database of record for various types of information. The source of the data may come from one or several sources, both inside and outside of the DoD.

##### **3.2.1 Accumulated Enrollment Fee Payments**

DEERS is the official source for accumulating enrollment fee payments from the detail fee payment amounts. Ownership is maintained by DEERS for portability.

### **3.2.2 Accumulated Catastrophic Cap and Deductible Amounts**

DEERS is the official source for accumulating catastrophic cap and deductible from the detail catastrophic cap and deductible amounts. Ownership is maintained by DEERS for portability.

### **3.2.3 Mailing Address and Telephone Number Information**

This address is used for mailing notifications of changes to benefits, enrollment cards and other directed mailings. DEERS receives the information for Mailing Address from a number of source systems.

### **3.2.4 Eligibility Data**

DEERS is the official source for eligibility data.

### **3.2.5 Enrollment and PCM Data**

Enrollment data, including PCM assignment information, must be established first on DEERS, due to eligibility and portability considerations.

### **3.2.6 Master Patient Index**

DEERS is considered to have the most current and complete set of data to identify patients within the DoD.

### **3.2.7 Master Beneficiary Index**

DEERS is considered to have the most current and complete set of data to identify beneficiaries within the DoD.

### **3.2.8 Master Person Index**

DEERS is considered to have the most current and complete set of data to identify persons within the DoD.

### **3.2.9 Other Government Programs**

Other Government Program data comes from different sources including RAPIDS, official DoD sources, and sources external to the DoD including CMS and is centralized by DEERS within the DoD. Therefore, DEERS is considered the official source within the DoD for this information

### **3.2.10 Person Identification Information**

Family Member SSNs come from different sources and multiple business areas, but are owned by DEERS.

### **3.2.11 Policy Enrollment Period Dates**

DEERS is the official source of the policy enrollment period for any given policy.

### **3.2.12 Standard Insurance Data**

Standard Insurance Tables data comes from sources external to DoD, but is centralized in DEERS.

## 4 Database Roles Matrix

Repository	Database of Record
Enrollment Fee Payment Details	Accumulated Enrollment Fee Payment Amounts
Catastrophic Cap and Deductible Amount Details	Accumulated Catastrophic Cap and Deductible Amounts
Enrollment Fee Waiver Information	Mailing Address and Telephone Number Information
PCM Details	Eligibility Data
Other Health Insurance Data	Enrollment and PCM Assignment Data
	Master Patient Index
	Master Beneficiary Index
	Master Person Index
	Other Government Programs
	Person Identification Information
	Policy Enrollment Period
	Standard Insurance Data